

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 15-22 are allowed.

The Examiner has rejected claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has stated that the limitations of claims 23-25 relating to function should include the term "means for" or "step for." In response, applicant has amended claims 23-25.

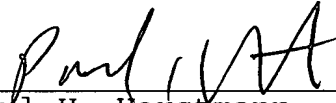
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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